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Security Committee
COMPARTMENTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

4 June 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert W. Gambino
Chairman, DCI Security Committee

SUBJECT: Review of DCID 1/20 "Hazardous Areas" (U)

1. (C) Pursuant to your charge, the May 1979 meetings of the Compartmentation Subcommittee were devoted to reviewing the current listing of "Countries and Areas in Which Visits, Travel, and Assignment are Considered to be a Hazardous Activity" appended to DCID 1/20. As the result of these deliberations, the Subcommittee recommends that the countries listed in paragraph 2, below, be added to the DCID 1/20 Appendix. No countries are recommended for removal from the current listing in DCID 1/20.

a. As provided in the basic DCID 1/20, our recommendations are based on the need to protect SCI from possible compromise resulting from the capture, interrogation, exploitation, or entrapment of personnel by hostile nations or groups. The Subcommittee also took into consideration the fact that the administrative burden in presenting security briefings and other actions required by DCID 1/20 have eased compared to former policy and procedures on this matter. Accordingly, and in the interest of security, we took the position that this permits the inclusion of countries wherein the danger of SCI exploitation may only be minimal, vice the more obvious.

b. For your information, the Subcommittee plans to review the DCID 1/20 listing of hazardous areas at each of our subsequent meetings. Formal printed changes to DCID 1/20 will be recommended at six month intervals with necessary intermediate changes to be disseminated as required.

2. (C) The following countries are recommended for addition to the attachment to DCID 1/20 for the reasons stated:

a. Afghanistan. This country should be added to the listing because of severe political instability and the documented harassment of US personnel. Since the coup d'etat in

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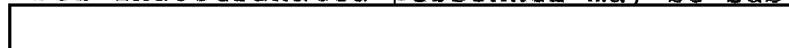


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c. Southern Yemen, People's Republic of. Diplomatic relations have been suspended between the People's Republic of Southern Yemen and the US. The government of South Yemen is considered to be anti-US and pro-USSR to the extent that SCI-indoctrinated personnel may be subject to exploitation



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d. Libyan Arab Republic. The Libyan Government has a decided anti-US attitude/



Accordingly, it is reasonable to expect that SCI-indoctrinated personnel traveling in Libya may well be subject to interrogation and/or exploitation.

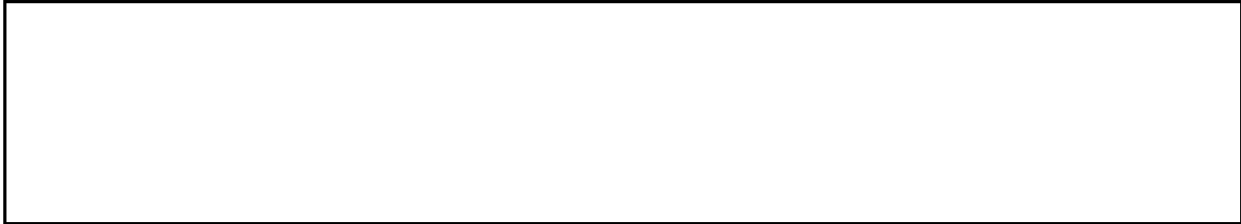
e. Iran. The recent turmoil in Iran has already resulted in the capture of US embassy personnel and general harassment of other US officials/personnel. Our State Department representative reports the presence in Iran of a large number of Soviet personnel, both legal and illegal. Although the Government is Islamic, there is an emergence of strong, quasi-violent leftist elements in the government structure. Accordingly, the situation is sufficiently volatile to warrant adding Iran to the listing of hazardous areas.

f. Iraq. We believe Iraq should be added to the listing as that nation is closely aligned with nations hostile to the interests of the United States and can reasonably be expected to exploit SCI-indoctrinated persons should the opportunity present itself.

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